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TO THE

## Freeholders of this Kingdom

FOR THEIR

## CONDUCT

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#### CONTAINING,

Some Pieces of Interesting Humour, necessary to be made known to the Free and Independent Electors of I-D.

To which is Added,
A BILL of C-T MORTALITY, &c.

DEATHS, Forty Five.
CASUALTIES, Twelve.
ACCIDENTS, Thirty
Five.

MISCHANCES, Twenty Four. MISCARRIAGES, One.

Auri Sacra Fames.

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### FREE-HOLDERS of this KINGDOM, GC:

GENTLEMEN,

TE have read with the fincerest Concern,
several Libels which were artfully contrived to alienate your Affections and interest from us, and nothing less than such an Attempt, could induce us to address you in this public Manner, and upon so public an Occasiou, as it will reluctautly constrain us to open several Anecdotes in Vindication of our Conduct, which we should rather defend in a more private Manner, for many Reasons that will appear too obvious in the Course of this Address.

That we can't pretend to Infalibility, is evident, and that our Hearts should be impregnable against golden Bullets, when those of a baser Mettal batter'd down Bergenopzoom, is impossible. \*

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I need not tell you Gentlemen, that there are some great Men, who owe their Rise to Accidents, and every Man may make his Fortune one time or other, if he embraces the critical Minute.

The G-rs of this Kingdom ever fince Roger Decoverly's Time, have been kept at a great Distance, and tho' we made several Attempts to make our Fortunes, yet we were always soil'd with Disgrace.

In the beginning of the last S—1—n, we began to look about us, and thought it was high time to dislocate Roger, who always proved so averse to our Interest. This we soon found we could not accomplish, for he had been as firmly fix'd in his Chair, as if he had been nail'd to it.

However, we refolved to take the Reins out of his Hands, which we affected with fuch Success, that we

left him a meer nominal Officer of State.

The Confequence we naturally hop'd from this, was, that his Friends would defert him, and by the Revalt, we might make a Knave of every Card in the Pack, and cut a Court Trump whenever we pleas'd

But the stubborn Disposition of Roger's Friends, was too unshaken to be mov'd by the severest Tryals, and except a sew Scouts, we catch'd, we could boast of no Advantage in that Point. Not long after, for a Tryal of Skill and Interest, we set a Compiler between two Fires, and for the Glory of the Contest, burnt him almost to Death between us, whereupon, \* we beg'd a Truce, and that we might rally with some Advantage, we rub'd the Compiler over with Bees Wax and Butter, which we were told would prove an Antidote against the strongest Party-Conflagration for the Future.

But Roger's Friends, who had no Notion of making an Egyptian Mummy of him, at the Expence of the Nation, refolv'd to burn him as black as ever his Undertakers did the Bricks of the B-r-ks. For

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which Purpofe, feveral wife Heads were fet to work, and that it might be a truly national Affair, he who imbezled the Wealth of the People, was to be protected at their Expence, and to own the Truth, this brought in a pretty Penny to some of our Friends, besides Pensions, Commissions, and Titles of Honour, which latter, they are ashamed to wear, till the Ferment cools.

This Gentlemen, you call felling our Country: Whereas it was only making a Purchase in our Country, of fuch a Place, Pension, Commission or Ti-

tle.

If no Purchases were to be made by our Family, but where the Nation was to be no Loser, some of us might remain unprovided for, and undignified all

the Days of our Lives.

There is a Maxim held in our Family, that he who has got fomething, may laugh at him who has got nothing, and the Injur'd has a Right to complain, for any Service it will do him.

This Confideration, renders the Clamours and Outcries of the People more tolerable to us, than

they otherwise would be.

Where an House is on Fire, every prudent Spectator provides for himself, and we never perceived z Flame in our Watch-House, but we made the belt Hand of it we could. Thus Gentlemen, while the Populace are reviling us in publick, we are regaling ourselves in private upon the Fruits of our political Industry. Suppose then Gentlemen, that one of yourselves was to be lock'd up in a Closet for half an Hour, and that an illustrious Statesman offer'd you five hundred, or a thousand Pounds a Year, the Tenderness of your Conscience might scruple it, on account of the Motives for which it was proposed, but when a sanctified Divine, who has the Care of. the Consciences of the Nation, chuck'd you under the Chin, and told you there was no Crime in it. How could you refuse so much Beauty of Holiness? Some

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of us told him, if we wou'd join against our Constituents, they wou'd remember our Love to them,

upon a future Application of Interest.

His Holiness foon made us easy in that Point, by affuring us we wou'd never have Occasion for your Suffrages any more, and that the E—sh M—n—ry had a Scheme which would free us from any Apprehensions of that Kind, and before we knew the Success or Reasonableness of that Scheme, we involved ourselves into the Intricacy of Affairs so far, that we could not recede without being oblig'd to refund, which would be doing our Children an Injustice.

The Word Authority, carries such a tremendous Air with it, that we are resolved Right or Wrong to comply with every M—n—r—l FIAT, because the private Advantages we received, were superior to any Loss we could suffer in the general Oppression

of the Nation.

This Confideration we must own, was somewhat selfish, but self has been always a great Favourite in our Family, and in all Human Probability, will be

to the End.

It is a political Maxim in our Side of the House, to have a finking Fund, and could that Fund be ever established upon a more richteous Footing, than by spending the Lord knows what, sooner than refund the Lord knows how much.

And like most modern Lawfuits; the Dispute cost the Nation more, than the Contest was worth.

To lead you a little into the Secrets of Affairs, you must observe, that the E—sh M—n—ry finding their Purses at Low-water-mark, and the Dissolution of the P—m—t, so near at Hand, wanted I—sh Money, to Purchase E—sh Boroughs, and make good their Interests upon the ensuing Elections. Where must this Money be got, but from the Redundancy of the T—ry of this Kingdom? and and their Pious Care of your future Happiness and Tranquility was such, that they resolved upon a Method

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Method of getting this Money, which would avoid any Disputes about the Matter for ever after. When the -, who has a Right to the usual Supplies. was granted the Redundancy of the national Wealth. then indeed, there would be no occasion for a P-r-t. and confequently, no need of your future Voices; thus far, you fee his Holiness judg'd right.

Some Nations as they grow wealthy, become tenacious of their Liberties; but we are to be of a contrary Principle, and as we grow rich, we are to grow humble in proportion, when we were poor, we granted Supplies of our own free Will; but now that we have fomething to spare, we are allowed by fpecial Grace and Bounty, to bestow our Money to others, and if we do not do it chearfully, and dutifully, to avoid Ceremony, it was to be taken with out asking. This we were told would fave a World of Trouble to the Nation, and every Gentleman might spend the Winter at Home, cultivating these Acres, destin'd to feed that T-ry, which was graciohily to be exhausted without the Consent of any in the Nation but our Family.

When we complained of the Misfortunes this Affair would bring on the Kingdom, we were fmarely rebuked, and told it was no Affair of ourse for if there was no more Money in the Tr—y than would pay our Family their Pensions, Ga. Sc. We. we should have no Cause to complain. This was fuch an Argumentum ad Hominem, that no reasonable Man could refift, and while our Corn was fafe, any one

Perhaps you'll ask, Gentlemen, why did Men of fuch large Estates, that they were ashamed to be pricked down for a Pension or Place, elc. vote, as you call it, against their Country. The Reason is obvious, fome of them were Men of fuch Mean Parts, and obscure Birth, that they could never ex. pect Titles, until they did the Come fignish Service: Service; for would any M—n—r make a Man a Peer, who knew the Mark on a Bullocks Horn, better than the Seal of a Patent, if he had not joined him upon so interesting a Criss. And what babling Lawyer could expect to dislocate the P—r—me S—t, if he did not go thro' some Dirt to get at it. And to shew his Tenderness, he cries in open Court, for the Fate of the B—ks, tho' he honoured his Father to the Grave with dry Eyes.

BUT Money, like a Man's Breath, at two Blafts

can cool and heat.

WE have a fine Su—r-Hill on our Farm, very fertile of Oats, which was the usual Diet of the Oc-

cupier in Days of yore.

THIS Gentleman's Mother, in Contempt of St. Patrick, your Favourite Patron, usually carry'd her Wheel in her Chariot on that Festival, spinning as she went along, to shew her Industry to the wild Irish, whom she little cared for, as she had no Alliance in it she could boast of.

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AND this same Friend of ours, destitute of Parts. natural or acquired, or the least Benevolence of Heart or Mind, but rather levrn'd by a desenting Gangrene, is to be made sensible, that Exaltation and Lordly Titles, are the Wages of the Sins of our Fa-

mily.

SOME of us you'll fay got Pensions we were ashamed to own, and put down a Cooper in Trust the better to screen the Matter. Pray which of you Gentlemen would refuse five hundred Pounds per Minum, upon such equitable. Secret, and honourable Terms.

WE had others upon the Crisis, who pretended to be sick, but as soon as the Priest FELT THEIR PULSE, and told them they were past Danger, they took up their Beds walk d to the intended Consication.

yOU may fay also, that we had one Man among us- tho he smelt strong of the Graius in our Noses,

for feveral Years past, yet upon the M-ry's Promise of dispensing with an Order of Heraldry, he laboured hard for us or for a Title, or for Both! His Sire, who made his Fortune by Guile, is now forgotten, and the Turkish Beau is no longer to remain below Stairs.

WE have feveral other Men among us, who have equal Pretentions to Honour, and those above all others, were Roger's most inveterate Opponents.

Parson of Distinction, but by Roger, the has seven times a greater Fortune, than he has an Heart to spend, you'll fay, ingloriously took a Bribe, at his Rewuest, I assure you, he never singered a Penny of it, for Miss received it to help her off his Hands, as all the Charms she has lie within the Precincts of her Pocket.

Bur why fuch Outcries against poor Ganymede, tho' he has no Fec-simple, he has sound out the Philosopher's STONE, which will never let him want while he has a——e: Pardon the Expression, Gentlemen.

THE worst of all our Party, was John, the Marketman, were it not for the judesatigabable Indukry of his Holiness, and the Menaces of his Father, we should never be able to quiet the Pualms of his Confcience, and what he has done, was much against his Inclination.

LOFTY FRIBBLE, who was always easily perfuaded to any thing that was bad, except lighting, proved so great a Friend to us, that he ran the Ruque of his Life to serve us, and is now poor Gentleman dying for what would rejoyce other Men, the Ref—rm—n of his W—e.

SOME of our Friends are gone the Way of all Flesh, and will speedily rot. you'll say, I told you before, they were not infallible, be not herefore furprized at their Mortality.

Men, very Men in deed, and if we are allowed to

know the Difference between Meum & Tuum, you'll not be surprized at our accepting such valuable Pro-

posals.

of ours, a dious Divine got a D—n—ry by making his Tenants turn Idolaters, and worship STONE, but he's gone to E—d to shun an Examination, and when he comes home, by the Grace of God, he'll decry Curruption in the Pulpit as well as the best of them. \*Miss H—m—si—d has large Expectations of having her Pension augemented, and 'ris hoped his D—n—f—b will not forget her.

GUR Endeavours you fay were crowned with as little Honour, as Success, we deny the Argument; for he who is paid before his Work is done, can never lose his Labour, we don't sell our Voices upon a Motion; and as to Honour, we resign that to those who have got no other Reward for all their Service to

their Country.

in the Face? very easily, for we can assure you, Gentlemen, what we did, we intendee for the best, and if you ask what we go. our Places, &c. &c. for? It was for our Duty to our Cing, and attachment to M—n—ry, who are attached to us.

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ment to M—n—ry, who are attached to us.
YOU may fay, we might be most sincerely in the K—g's Interest, and at the same time Guardians of the Liberties of the People, this I can't disown; but we could not be Slaves to the M—n—ry, ane Patrons of our Country. And I hope Gentlemen you don't expect fallible Men, sheuld encounter Pmpossibilities.

UPGN our Requests for your Suffrages, we promis'd our most strenuous endeavours in opposition to every Motion, which tended to the Injury of our Country,

\* A young Woman in  $W = d - \int t$  whom he d—ch'd, and has a Son by. She goes by the Name of Miss  $H = m - \int d$ .

Country, we promis'd that no Bribes. &c. no Hussaring Parties, Closetting Pricks, or Lordly Bashaws, should tempt or ca'ble us to our Country's Ruin These, Gentlemen, are Words of Course, and are no more binding in our Family, than they Sute our Interest.

on the most pernicious Measures, and with the greatest Resolution pursue them to our Distructson, their Auxilaries must be inlisted at the Expence of the Nation, and in such a Scene of emolumentary Destributions is it not sitter, that a Native should enrich himself thereby, than e Foreigner. And it Nurseries are to be rear'd up to betray the Liberties of the People, they have this Comfort, that the Price of the Venality will circulate among them.

YOU inveigh against us, particularly for deserting a Noble E—I, who had espoused his Country's Cause. In this we are by no Meane to blame, for if we took part with the E—I, told Truth, or did him the least Justice, we must consequently blacken our Leader, and leave him, as he now is, up to his Neck in dirt. Suppose we were to tell you the M—ey B—Ils, like the Naturalization Act, bubled some modern Fews out of their Money, you'll tell us perhaps, the Nation paid the Score, and therefore we are entituled to no Thanks. Why indeed, all we expected we have got, and Thanks were alwaps thought too airy a Diet for our Eamily.

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UPON the whole, Gentlemen, the Parts we have acted, were natural to our Family; we are now in a comfortable Condition, by the Couetesy of your Enemies, we have no more to expect, and if in Charity to our Infirmities, you can forgive us for B 2

making our Fortunes at yout Expense, the Remainder of our Lives, shall be devoted to our Country's Service. And by our Attachment to your Interests, and the Constancy of your worthy Patriots, you may securely rely on a N. Con, upon all suture Occasions, where the Interest of your Country is any way concerned. We therefore, take Leave to conclude.

#### GENTLEMEN.

Your most faithful,

Obedient, and devoted Friends,

Representatives, and Servants,

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1. D. of a Gangrene on his Liver, and Massla immortalis on his Honour.

II. The L. P., by knocking his Brains out against the Back door of C.—m's Bog-house.

III. L. 6, of a Game at Brag, where neither red, nor black Knave, proved a Trump. 1V. R-b M-x, Elq. of the STONE.

.V. R. H. 7- P-, Efq; of the corroding Matter of the Heart.

VI. W-m B-r-w, Esq; of a Surfeit of Jamaica

Rum.

VII. 7-n B-r-e, Esq; of an old Family Disorder, the Spleen and Poison of the Heart.

VIII. R-d P-n-y, Efq; of an nnkennel'd Fox

in the Groin.

IX. W-n F-d, Esq; of a Whip Silly-bub, Caput Mortuum, and naked Understanding.

X. P—T—I, Esq; of the Curse of his Creditors: XI. L. H—, Esq; of the Resormation of his W-e.

XII. P-B-g, Efq; of a spurious Ulcer in his Heart, and an over Dose of Viper Broth, administred by Mrs. S\_n\_rs.

XIII. A-r D-b-s, Esq; lost in hii Passage to Cape Sinister.

XIV. R-r B-r-n, Esq; of a Sting in the Conscience.

XV. R-b 7-n, Esq; of a Kick, from a Limerick

Mare.

XVI. The H. A-H-, Efg. of a Wheel in the Head and Heart. . XVII. E d.S. n.P., Esq; hunted to Death by

the P-r-e S-r-j-t.

XVIII. S-C-B-n, Esq; crushed to Death by

Roger, and the Free-Citizens. XIX. The R. H. L- G-, Esq; by the Fall of the Bridge.

the Bridge.

XX. B—n.W—t—ey, Esq; of an Appeal from Pandemonium, to Equity and Conscience.

XXIIII — B—, Rsq; M. G. seard by the Consuption of his Heart, shared his B——r's Fate, and died of an Explosion of Gunpowder.

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XXII. R-b C-u-m, Efq; of the Piles, and a Fifula in ano. s to

XXIII. 3- W-n, fent to Heaven, by the Industry

of his W-f-e. XXIV. S. T-P-, Efq; pursu'd to Pandemonium, by the Cries of O'Sh-ey.

XXV. 7-M-x-1, Efq; of the Cries of

Widows and Orphans.

XXVI, E-n S-d, Esq; of a Revolt from Virtue to Corruption, Qui olim probus eret, nunc est contrarius probo.

XXVII. H\_r\_d Sc\_v\_n, Efq; of an

empty Pocket.

XXVIII. Ag-V-y, Efq; of a bleeding Heart for his Country, Mum-

XXIX. Jo-p L, Esq; of a Surfeit of Small-beer, and an hot Poultis of Grains.

XXX. R-b-St, Efq; lost in the Newry-

Galley,

XXXI. Ch\_D\_, Efq; hang'd with a Pair of Beads about his Neck in Mass-Lane.

XXXII. R—q—F, Ditto.

XXXIII. M—u—re K, Esq; of Impotence, and Platonick Desires.

XXXIV. 7- 1-g-r, Efg; starved to Death, and not a Niggard like himself to be found to close his Eyes.

XXXV. R- P-v-1, Eig; of the Curle of his

Constituents.

XXXVI. P—p 0—v—r, Efq; of a Duel with the Bishop of C——.

XXXVII. H. L—— R——, Efq; of an old Itch for Peerage, and a falle Step on the big Stairs at the C-f-le.

XXXVIII. S. T— T—, Esq; of a Priapism. XXXIX. T— T—r, Esq; gor'd by his Farr's favourite Bullock, Self Denial.

XL. W—m W—l, I Esq; of the Staggers in his

old Age, the Guilt of 300 l. and a Pensiou. Oh! XLI.

XLI. 3— B-r-g-n, Efq; Ditto, a Groan t-XLII. 3—n S-t-d, Efq; of a Conflictutional Hise, and a Pension he was ashamed to own.

XLIII. W B\_l\_w, Esq; By the Fall of a

CATHEDRAL STONE.

XIIV. 7—n Bu—r, Efq; of Surfeit of Ministerial
Beef, and a large Draught of Blunder and Puff.

XLV. Th— B—u—r, Efq; for robbing the

whole Party of the Bleffing of God,

#### ACCIDENTS.

35 Bit by a mad Dog Promise, were carried away to the Infirmary of the Conscience, and judged incurable.

#### CASUALTIES.

12 Broke their Necks ascending the Steps of the H-fe of L-ds

#### MISCHANCES.

24 Suffocated by the Stench of Difgrace.

#### MISCARRIAGES.

T Broke his Leg as he was pushing through the Crowd, to get into Roger's Chair.

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